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Opposition to Governor Malloy's Proposal to Eliminate contribution to Teachers' Health Fund

To: Appropriations Committee

As a retired teacher I am in opposition to Governor Malloy's proposal to eliminate the State's contribution to the retired teachers' health insurance fund. A reduction in the State's contribution to the health fund will negatively affect its long-term solvency. I paid into the health fund with the understanding that it would be there for me during my retirement. As a retiree over 65 I will never be able to be eligible for medicare since as teachers in the State of Connecticut we did not pay into social security. As a result I obtain my insurance from my last employing board of education. I rely on the monthly subsidy paid from the Health Fund to help defray some of the expense of my health insurance which is costly. The State should continue to honor its obligation to its teachers and keep its promise.

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